

**REISSUE DECLARATION BY INVENTOR**

I, Harry R. Layne declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 11 Wisteria Lane, Covington, LA 70433. I further declare that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,649,391, granted on July 22, 1997, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled

EMBEDDABLE MOUNTING DEVICE AND METHOD,

the specification of which was filed on February 26, 1999 and assigned reissue application Serial No. 09/258,129 and which has been subsequently by the preliminary amendment filed on February 26, 1999 and March 6, 2000.

I further declare that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by the preliminary amendment being filed herewith.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than patentee had a right to claim in the patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: the issued claims were too narrow in scope and did not capture the complete essence of the invention as described in the specification. Specifically, at least the dimensions recited in independent claims 1 and 11 are believed to be unnecessary. New independent claims 18, 20, 23, 25 and 27 do not require the dimensions recited in independent claims 1 and 11.

I verily believe that all errors corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of this oath/declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I further declare that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows: NONE

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**OFFER TO SURRENDER PATENT
IN REISSUE APPLICATION BY ASSIGNEE/INVENTOR**



This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent grant identified below.

Name of Patentee: Harry R. Layne

Patent Number: U.S. Patent No. 5,649,391 Date Patent Issued: July 22, 1997

Title of Invention: **EMBEDDABLE MOUNTING DEVICE AND METHOD**

I, Harry R. Layne the inventor and president of Steel Block, Inc., offer to surrender the original patent.

A certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is being filed concurrently herewith.

The written consent of all assignees (Steel Block, Inc.) owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.

Signature: [Signature]

Harry R. Layne

Date: Feb. 17, 1999

The assignee owning an undivided interest in said original patent is of Steel Block, Inc and the assignee consents to the accompanying application for reissue.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Name of Assignee: Steel Block, Inc

Signature of person signing for assignee: [Signature]

Harry R. Layne

President of Steel Block, Inc

Date: Feb. 17, 1999